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COMMISSION**

Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Ky 40602-0615

RE: In the Matter of the Proposed Acquisition of Edmonson County Water District
Assets (Hart County Service Area) by Green River Valley Water District
Case No. 2025-00329

Dear Commissioners:

I write to you today in my official capacity as the Hart County Attorney to formally express my strong support for the proposed acquisition of the Hart County water infrastructure currently managed by the Edmonson County Water District by the Green River Valley Water District.

As a representative of the citizens of Hart County, my primary concern is ensuring that our residents have access to safe, reliable, and well-maintained public utilities. Based on the current operational landscape, it is my professional opinion that this transfer of service is in the best interest of the public for the following reasons:

- **Operational Excellence:** Green River Valley Water District has consistently demonstrated a superior track record in utility management. Their commitment to maintaining infrastructure and providing high-quality service is well-recognized within our community.
- **Addressing Service Deficiencies:** Historically, the portions of Hart County serviced by the Edmonson County Water District have faced significant challenges. Frequent maintenance issues and persistent customer complaints regarding service reliability have created an undue burden on our residents.
- **Regional Synergy:** Having a unified service provider that is centrally focused on the Hart County area will allow for more efficient emergency responses, streamlined infrastructure upgrades, and a more cohesive long-term water management strategy.

This acquisition represents a "win-win" scenario. It allows Edmonson County to consolidate its focus on its primary service areas while ensuring that Hart County citizens receive the level of service they deserve from a district with proven local success.

I respectfully urge the Commission to approve this proposal promptly to allow the transition of services to begin. Thank you for your time and for your dedication to the oversight of Kentucky's essential services.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hart County Fiscal Court